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SUBJECT: JANUARY 3 CAIRO PRESS: DIPLOMACY, GENEVA
TALKS, AND MILITARY DETERMINATION

FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OF INTEREST IN JANUARY 3 CAIRO PRESS:

1. FOREIGN MINISTER'S MEETINGS. ALL PAPERS NOTE THAT FAHMY MET JANUARY 2 WITH CHARGE SMITH "WITHIN SERIES OF CONTACTS WHICH (FAHMY) BEGAN YESTERDAY TO DISCUSS PR*GRESS OF WORK OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE IN GENEVA AND ITS MOVEMENT TO THE STAGE OF PRACTICAL ENDEAVOR TO EXECUTE THE DECISION OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES." AHRAH NOTES THAT FAHMY RECEIVED AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER. FAHMY ALSO REPORTEDLY MET, SEPARATELY, WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR ADAMS, DAUD BARAKAT, PLO REP IN GENEVA, TO "INFORM HIM OF RESULTS OF CONTACTS WHICH TOOK PLACE IN GENEVA

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CONFERENCE." IN SEPARATE ITEM, PRESS ALSO NOTES THAT

FAHMY MET WITH WAR MINISTER ISMAIL AND HIS AIDES IN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DISCUSS SEPARATION OF FORCES, AND "EXPECTED POLITICAL AND MILITARY DEVELOPMENTS."

2. GENEVA MILITARY TALKS. AHRAM PLAYS JANUARY 2 MILITARY TALKS DOWN, CONFINING IT TO SMALL ARTICLE ON PAGE ONE DRAWING ON NEWS AGENCY SOURCES. ARTICLE NOTES THAT TALKS ARE IN A CRITICAL STAGE AND HAVE REACHED "IMPORTANT POINT" REGARDING DISCUSSION OF SEPARATION OF FORCES. GUMHURIYYA'S ARTICLE ON SUBJECT HEADLINES REPORTS OF ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO WITHDRAW TO SINAI PASSES, AND QUOTES "RELIABLE SOURCES" IN CONTACT WITH DAYAN TO EFFECT THAT LATTER IS OPTIMISTIC REGARDING AGREEMENT ON SEPARATION OF FORCES.

3. MILITARY DETERMINATION. ALL PAPERS GIVE MAJOR SPACE TO STATEMENT MADE JANUARY 2 BY WAR MINISTER ISMAIL TO GRADUATING CLASS OF WAR COLLEGE THAT EGYPT SPEAKS AT GENEVA FROM A POSITION OF STRENGTH, AND THAT IT WILL CONTINUE THE LIBERATION OF THE LAND (BY ARMS) AT ANY SIGN OF PROCRASTINATION OR DECEIT BY ISRAELIS. IN SIMILAR VEIN, PRESS CONTINUES TO PLAY UP UN SPOKESMAN'S REPORTS OF CLASHES ALONG THE CEASEFIRE LINE, PARTICULARLY THAT OF "LONGEST ARTILLERY BATTLE" OF DECEMBER 31 WHICH LASTED FOR THREE HOURS AND FIVE MINUTES.

4. IN BRIEF NOTE, PAPERS REPORT THAT FRENCH CHARGE MET FOREIGN UNDERSECRETARY MOHAMED RIAD JANUARY 2 TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING VISIT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOBERT.
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